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DATE: July 10, 2014
TO: MINNESOTA FOREST RESOURCES COUNCIL
FROM: DAVE ZUMETA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
RE: PREPARATION FOR JULY 23, 2014 MFRC MEETING

In preparation for the July 23, 2014 meeting of the Minnesota Forest Resources Council (MFRC), attached are the following materials (those related to action items are in **bold**):

1. This cover memo
2. **May 28, 2014 MFRC draft meeting minutes**
3. **July 23, 2014 MFRC draft meeting agenda**
4. Committee reports
5. Written communications to the MFRC
6. **Draft resolution to approve the proposed exterior quarantine on mountain pine beetle**
7. MFRC Staff Strategic Direction Discussion

Meeting Logistics

The MFRC will meet on July 23, 2014, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Stine Room at the **Cloquet Forestry Center** located at 175 University Road in Cloquet, Minnesota.

From I-35, take the Highway 210 exit (adjacent to the Black Bear Casino), and go west 2.7 miles. Turn right on Highway 5 (a sign for the Forestry Center will guide you) and follow it north for 2.7 miles. The entrance to the Cloquet Forestry Center is on your left. For more information about Cloquet Forestry Center, call 218/726-6400, <http://cfc.cfans.umn.edu>

*Denotes action item



Meeting Agenda

Committee of the Whole: Recommendation to Commissioner of Agriculture (MDA) regarding MDA declaring an exterior quarantine on Mountain Pine Beetle* - Bob Stine will introduce Dave Frederickson, Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA), and Geir Friisoe, Director, Plant Protection Division, MDA. Following their presentations, the MFRC will discuss and vote on the attached draft resolution recommending that the Commissioner of Agriculture declare an exterior quarantine on mountain pine beetle.

Implications to water quality of converting forest land to potato fields in west central Minnesota – Forrest Boe will introduce the issue of recent forest land conversions in west central Minnesota. Mark Carlstrom, Park Rapids Area Forest Manager, DNR Forestry, Pete Jacobson, DNR Fisheries Research Supervisor, and Rebecca Flood, Assistant Commissioner, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, will provide overviews of their respective division's or agency's concerns and actions, with particular focus on potential water quality impacts.

Forest Resources Council strategic discussion – Bob Stine will introduce Calder Hibbard, who will briefly summarize results of a recent MFRC staff retreat. Bob will lead a discussion about potential strategic implications of the staff retreat outcomes for the MFRC's future direction.

FY 2016-17 MFRC budget restoration\change level request – Bob Stine, Forrest Boe and Dave Zumeta will discuss the status of the MFRC FY 2016-17 MFRC budget restoration\change level request, which has been discussed by the Personnel and Finance (P&F) Committee at two recent meetings. P&F Committee members and MFRC staff are committed to having this MFRC budget restoration\change level request be included in the Governor's recommended budget for FY 2016-17, and will be requesting assistance from other MFRC members as well.

Status of public review draft and initial public comments received on revised Northeast Landscape Plan – Shaun Hamilton will introduce Lindberg Ekola, who will provide information on the status of the public review process for the draft Northeast Landscape Plan.

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